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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2007

Report of the Secretary-General*

Summary

The present report details budgetary requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2007. The expenditure requirements for the biennium 2006-2007 arising as a result of those resolutions and decisions are estimated at $238,300, which could be absorbed within the resources provided under the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. The requirements for the biennium 2008-2009 considered to be additional requirements are estimated at $14,205,700, of which $84,400 is proposed to be accommodated within the provisions contained in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. An additional amount of $14,121,300 would therefore be required under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, including $13,290,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $830,000 under section 23, Human rights. Those amounts would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require additional appropriations for the biennium 2008-2009 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

* The present document is issued at this time owing to the need to reflect the decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed substantive session of 2007.

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I. Introduction

1. The present report is submitted to inform the General Assembly of the requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2007.

2. The Council adopted a number of resolutions and decisions in which it authorized relevant functional commissions, standing committees or expert bodies to undertake additional activities, including meetings, for which no provision had been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and which would have an impact on the estimates of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.[1] In accordance with rule 31 of its rules of procedure, the Council was provided, where appropriate, with a statement of programme budget implications prior to the adoption of those resolutions and decisions. The additional requirements entailed by the Council's resolutions and decisions are described below.

3. In its report on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council at its substantive session of 1999 (A/54/7/Add.2), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions requested that future reports on the subject contain full cost estimates, including both conference and non-conference costs, of additional requirements. In response to that request, the additional requirements resulting from the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council in 2007 to be financed from the existing provisions of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, in addition to those of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, are indicated in the annex to the present report.

4. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July 2007, the Council decided to defer action on the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters[2] to its resumed substantive session. At its 48th meeting, on 4 October, the Council had before it a statement of the programme budget implications of recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts (E/2007/L.16) in which it was estimated that adoption of the recommendations would entail a charge of $367,000 against the contingency fund, thereby requiring appropriations for the biennium 2008-2009 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session. At the same meeting, the Council also had before it the draft resolution E/2007/L.30, entitled "Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters", which was subsequently withdrawn. Also at the 48th meeting, the Council adopted resolution 2007/39. The Council had been informed by the Secretariat that there were no programme budget implications.

5. In connection with the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions[3] and the associated financial implications considered by the Council at its

[1] The proposed programme budget is contained in documents A/62/6 (Introduction) and Corr.1, (Sects. 1-3), (Sect. 4) and Corr.1, (Sects. 5-7), (Sect. 8) and Corr.1, (Sects. 9-11), (Sect. 12) and Corr.1, (Sects. 13-18), (Sect. 19) and Corr.1, (Sects. 20-22), (Sect. 23) and Corr.1, (Sect. 24) and Corr.1, (Sects. 25-27), (Sect. 28), (Sect. 28A) and Corr.1, (Sect. 28B) and Corr.1, (Sect. 28C) and Corr.1, (Sect. 28D), (Sect. 28E) and Corr.1 and 2, (Sects. 28F and G), (Sect. 29) and Corr.1, (Sects. 30-35) and (Income sects. 1-3).

[2] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 45* (E/2006/45).

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 38* (A/62/38).

resumed substantive session (see sect. II.H below), as at the date of the present report, the Third Committee was holding discussions on the question. In the event that decisions adopted by the Third Committee have financial implications, established procedures with regard to the issuance of statements of programme budget implications in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly would apply.

II. Additional requirements entailed by resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council

A. Resolution 2007/13: Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

6. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 6, 7, 9 and 10 of its resolution 2007/13, the Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in July 2008, with the purpose of following closely and providing advice on Haiti's long-term development strategy to promote socio-economic recovery and stability, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development priorities and building upon the Interim Cooperation Framework and the forthcoming poverty reduction strategy, and stressing the need to avoid overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms;

(b) Expressed its satisfaction to the Secretary-General for the support provided to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group and requested him to continue to support the activities of the Group adequately from within existing resources, where possible;

(c) Also requested the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti to submit a report on its work, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2008;

(d) Decided that the work of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group would be reviewed at its substantive session of 2008, with a view to considering whether to continue its mandate, based on the Council's consideration of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group and the situation then prevailing in Haiti, with due account being taken of the activities of the entities of the United Nations system active in peacebuilding in Haiti.

7. It is estimated that the support to be provided to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti would consist of travel, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses for four members of the Group and one staff member of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat to undertake a mission to Haiti in April 2008. The resource requirements to undertake the consultation mission are estimated at $13,500 and would provide for travel, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses ($11,500 for four members of the Group and $2,000 for one staff member of the Department), for which the funds had not been provided in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

8. In this connection, the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2006 (A/61/370 and Corr.1), which contained similar requests, is recalled. It was recommended in paragraph 23 of the report that provisions made under the respective sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, together with extrabudgetary funds, be used to cover the need for supplementary resources that had been identified. Consequently, no additional appropriation was sought over and above the level of funding approved in the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 on the understanding that if the actual requirements exceeded the absorptive capacity of the related sections, the additional provisions would be reported in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

9. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in its related report (A/61/498), had no objections to the approach of the Secretary-General, and the General Assembly, in section V of its resolution 61/252, concurred with that approach.

10. On the basis of this experience, and taking into account that the estimated amount for financing activities requested in resolution 2007/13 does not exceed $13,500, it is concluded that all possible efforts would be made to meet those requirements under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 together with extrabudgetary funds. Accordingly, no additional appropriation is sought.

B. Resolution 2007/15: Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

11. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 7 and 8 of its resolution 2007/15, the Council:

(a) Expressed its satisfaction to the Secretary-General for the support provided to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau and requested him to continue to adequately support its activities;

(b) Decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau through the substantive session of 2008, unless the Council decided on an earlier review of the mandate, and requested the Group to report, as appropriate, to the Council.

12. It is estimated that the support to be provided to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau would consist of travel, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses for four members of the Group and one staff member of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to undertake a mission to Guinea-Bissau in January 2008. The resource requirements to undertake the consultation mission are estimated at $35,800 and would provide for travel, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses ($27,100 for four members of the Group and $8,700 for one staff member of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs), the funds for which had not been included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

13. For the reasons set out in paragraphs 8 and 9 above, and given that the estimated amount for financing activities requested in resolution 2007/15 does not exceed $35,800, it has been concluded that all possible efforts would be made to meet those requirements under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the

proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, together with extrabudgetary funds. Accordingly, no additional appropriation would be required.

C. Resolution 2007/40: non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests; decision 2007/277: report of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and provisional agenda for its eighth session; decision 2007/278: support to the Bureau of the United Nations Forum on Forests in preparing for its future sessions

14. At its resumed substantive session, on 17 October 2007, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 2007/40 entitled "Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests"; decision 2007/277: report of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and provisional agenda for its eighth session; and decision 2007/278: support to the Bureau of the United Nations Forum on Forests in preparing for its future sessions.

15. In the resolution and decisions, the Council:

(a) Noted that the United Nations Forum on Forests, at its seventh session, had adopted a non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (resolution 2007/40);

(b) Reiterated paragraph 17 of its resolution 2006/49, in which it decided to consider ways of strengthening the secretariat of the Forum, within existing resources as well as through increased voluntary extrabudgetary resources, to enable it to fulfil its function more effectively, bearing in mind paragraph 163 (b) of the 2005 World Summit Outcome (resolution 60/1); (resolution 2007/40);

(c) Recommended that the General Assembly adopt the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (resolution 2007/40);

(d) Decided that the Forum should, within existing resources, convene before its eighth session, an open-ended ad hoc expert group to develop proposals for the development of a voluntary global financial mechanism/portfolio approach/forest financing framework and invite the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to assist in the development of those proposals (resolution 2007/40);

(e) Took note of the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session[4] (decision 2007/277);

(f) Decided that in order for members of the Bureau to carry out their functions effectively, consideration should be given to providing financial support consisting of travel and daily subsistence to members of the Bureau from developing countries and countries with economies in transition through designated extrabudgetary contributions to the Trust Fund in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests (decision 2007/278);

(g) Also decided that financial support to members of the Bureau from developing countries and countries with economies in transition should cover participation in at least one meeting of the Bureau in a year (decision 2007/278).

[4] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 22* (E/2007/42).

16. The Council was informed of the programme budget implications of resolution E/2007/40 and decision 2007/277 in document E/2007/L.22/Rev.1 and of decision 2007/278 by the statement read by the Secretary of the Council at the 49th meeting, on 17 October 2007.

17. In order to implement the requests contained in the above-mentioned resolution and decisions, the programme narrative and outputs of section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 9)) would be modified and incorporated into the programme of work of section 9, subject to approval by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session. No modifications are required to the programme narratives and outputs of section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and 28D, Office of Central Support Services of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The required modifications to the outputs of section 9 would be as follows:

Table 9.25

- Expected accomplishment (a): the words "adoption and" would be deleted, and the words "on all types of forests" would be added after the words "non-legally binding instrument";
- Indicator of achievement (a): the words "and collaborative actions on the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and" would be inserted between the words "decisions" and "on improvement";
- Expected accomplishment (b): the words "on progress" would be inserted between the words "actions" and "towards";
- Expected accomplishment (c): the words "on sustainable forest management" would be inserted between the words "management" and "among".

Paragraph 9.78

(a) (i) a. Substantive servicing of meetings: the words "intersessional meetings (80)" would be replaced with the words "intersessional meetings (56)";

(a) (i) b. Parliamentary documentation: the following text, "report on regional input (1); report on forests and climate change (1); report on reversing the loss of forest cover, preventing forest degradation in all types of forests and combating desertification, including in low forest cover countries (1); report on forests and biodiversity conservation (1); report on emerging issues (1); Chairman's summary of the open-ended ad hoc expert group on a global financial mechanism (1); note on progress towards sustainable forest management (1); note on the progress in implementing the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (1); note on the progress towards achieving the four global objectives on forests (1); note on the Trust Fund in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests (1); note on the activities of the Economic and Social Council relevant to the work of the Forum (1); and provisional agenda and note on the ad hoc expert group on a global financial mechanism (2)", would be added;

(a) (iii) Ad hoc expert groups: the word "seven" would be replaced with the word "three"; the words "regional aspects of United Nations Forum on Forests", "reclustering and subject indexing of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests Proposals for Action", "annexes of a non-legally binding instrument for the seven thematic elements of sustainable forest management" and "multi-stakeholder dialogue on sustainable forest management: civil society perspectives in conjunction with the intersessional work and the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (2)" would be deleted and the words "open-ended meeting on the development of a voluntary global financial mechanism/portfolio approach/financing framework" would be added;

(b) (iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: the words "information kit on the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (1); booklet on review of the current financial mechanisms (1)" would be added;

(b) (v) Special events: the words "interactive panels with stakeholders, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and regional organizations (3)" would be added;

(b) (vi) Technical material: the words "guidelines and reporting format on the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument (6); guidelines for providing regional inputs (3); guidelines for the review of existing current financial mechanisms (3); guidelines for providing information on events and initiatives relevant to the preparations for the International Year of Forests (3)" would be added;

(b) (viii) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: the words "Collaborative Partnership on Forests initiative to review the current international financing mechanisms (2)" would be added;

(c) (i) Advisory services: the words "provision of expert advice to Member States and regional organizations on the non-legally binding instrument (support to country-led initiatives) (3)" would be added.

18. It was estimated, in document E/2007/L.22/Rev.1, that the additional requirements to implement the requests contained in resolution 2007/40 and decision 2007/277 would amount to $1,578,400, including $331,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; $1,023,800 under section 9, Economic and social affairs; $143,900 under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, and $78,800 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

19. As regards decision 2007/278, it was estimated that the amount of $32,000 would be required for the biennium 2008-2009 to provide for the participation of members of the Bureau from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in at least one meeting of the Bureau a year.

20. The total additional requirements for the implementation of the above activities are estimated at $1,610,400. After deduction of the amount of $897,500, to be reprogrammed or accommodated within resources already presented in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, it is assumed that the balance of $712,900 would be financed from extrabudgetary resources, provided that they are available in sufficient amounts.

21. As regards extrabudgetary resources, it was noted in document E/2007/22/Rev.1 that the total reserves and fund balances of the Trust Fund in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests as at 30 September 2007 amounted to $2,983,737. It was estimated that the resources available in the Trust Fund in 2008-2009 would be approximately $3,600,000.

22. Consequently, the adoption by the Economic and Social Council of resolution 2007/40 and decisions 2007/277 and 2007/278 does not give rise to additional provisions over and above the resources of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

D. Decision 2007/242: Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fiftieth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-first session of the Commission

23. In its decision 2007/242, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fiftieth session.[5]

24. In its report, the Commission brought to the attention of the Council several resolutions, namely, 50/1, 50/2, 50/4, 50/8, 50/9, 50/11 and 50/12, on which in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, oral statements of financial implications had been provided by the Secretariat to the Commission at the time it adopted the resolutions. In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Council was drawn to the corresponding oral statements of financial implications contained in annexes II to VIII of the Commission's report.

25. The Secretariat hereby confirms to the General Assembly that the oral statements of financial implications referred to in paragraph 24 above remain valid. Resource requirements associated with resolution 50/12 have been considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. With regard to resolutions 50/1, 50/4, 50/8 and 50/9, the estimated additional extrabudgetary resources required for implementation of the resolutions are reflected in annexes III, VIII, IV and V, respectively, and the amount relating to resolution 50/11 will be determined in the course of the biennium 2008-2009. Requirements for the biennium 2006-2007 relating to resolutions 50/1, 50/2 and 50/4 for which additional requirements will arise will be met from within available resources under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

[5] The report will be issued in final form as *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 8* (E/2007/28/Rev.1).

26. Regarding resolutions 50/1, 50/4, 50/8, 50/9 and 50/11, the attention of the Commission was drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The attention of the Commission was also drawn to paragraph 67 of the first report of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001,[6] in which the Committee noted that the use of the phrase "within existing resources" or similar language in resolutions had a negative impact on the implementation of activities; therefore, efforts should be made to avoid the use of that phrase in resolutions and decisions.

E. Decisions 2007/244 and 2007/245: international expert group meeting on indigenous languages and venues and dates of the seventh session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

27. In its decisions 2007/244 and 2007/245, the Economic and Social Council decided: (a) to authorize a three-day international expert group meeting on indigenous languages and requested that the results of the meeting be reported to the Permanent Forum at its seventh session (decision 2007/244); and (b) that the seventh session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues shall be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 21 April to 2 May 2008 (decision 2007/245). In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Council was informed of the programme budget implications of its decisions in an oral statement by the Secretariat.

28. With regard to the holding of a three-day international expert group meeting on indigenous languages, provisions have been made to hold two expert group meetings under subprogramme 3, Social policy and development, of section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The expert group meeting on indigenous languages would be undertaken within those provisions, and no changes in the programme narrative are being proposed or additional resources requested for implementation of those activities. Also, as the expert group meeting would be held on an "as available basis", no additional conference-servicing requirements are sought.

29. With regard to the seventh session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (see para. 27 above), provisions have been made to hold the session under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The related dates will be reflected in the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2008, and no additional programmatic or budgetary implications are envisaged in this regard.

30. In the report on its sixth session,[7] the Forum also made a number of recommendations giving rise to programme budget implications. The oral statement

[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/54/7).

[7] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Supplement No. 23* (E/2007/43).

made at the meeting of the Forum on 25 May 2007 drew the attention of the Forum to the provisions of paragraph 1 (b) of General Assembly resolution 57/191 and paragraph 2 (a) of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/22, which state that the funding of the implementation of recommendations made by the Forum as well as funding activities under its mandate are to be met through voluntary contributions. It is understood that the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action to be carried out by the United Nations would be implemented to the extent that related resources are available.

31. A number of paragraphs in the report provide for the appointment and reappointment of special rapporteurs to prepare studies, guidelines and thematic papers. It is recalled in this connection that the Special Rapporteurs appointed by the Forum provide their services at no cost to the Organization and that the results of their work are disseminated through postings on the website of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and therefore entail no additional financial requirements. As regards the Forum's recommendation in paragraph 11 to the Commission on Sustainable Development to invite a member of the Permanent Forum to attend the Commission's meetings, should such an invitation be extended, a Forum member would attend the one-week-long annual session of the Commission. The estimated cost for the biennium, amounting to $18,300, would be met through voluntary contributions.

32. In paragraph 49 of its report, the Forum urged its secretariat, in cooperation with the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to organize a side event on the occasion of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing of the Convention on Biodiversity. Should the secretariat of the Convention on Biodiversity agree to the participation of the Forum, it is anticipated that one Forum member would participate at the event, with the cost of the member's travel, estimated at $8,600, to be met from voluntary contributions. With regard to paragraph 52 of the report, the appointment of the special rapporteurs would entail no cost to the Organization.

33. In paragraph 85 of its report, the Forum decided to invite to its seventh session three special rapporteurs of the Human Rights Council. The Forum also made a number of similar recommendations on activities falling under the legislative authority of the Human Rights Council. It is understood, in this connection, that should the Human Rights Council concur with those recommendations, an estimated $123,300 would be required to implement them. With regard to the recommendations contained in paragraphs 84-96 of the same report, involving the possible travel of the special rapporteurs of the Human Rights Council to the seventh session of the Forum, an estimated amount of $21,800 for travel has been included under section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. With regard to paragraphs 97-118 on a half-day discussion on Asia, and on urban indigenous peoples and migration, the estimated requirements of $86,500 and $15,000, respectively, to provide for consultants and travel would be financed from voluntary contributions, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 57/191.

34. In paragraph 127 (d) of its report, the Forum recommended that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean organize an expert group meeting to prepare recommendations to improve the identification of indigenous people in the upcoming 2010 round of censuses and other data sources. Should the

Commission concur with those recommendations, related arrangements would be made in future proposed programme budgets or, as applicable, requirements would be financed from voluntary contributions, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 57/191.

35. With regard to paragraph 94, in which the Forum noted the recommendation that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights organize a seminar in cooperation with the indigenous host communities, States, indigenous organizations and appropriate United Nations bodies, it is estimated that $121,500 would be required for travel of representatives and staff as well as operating expenses, which would be financed from voluntary contributions, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 57/191.

36. In summary, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 1 (b) of General Assembly resolution 57/191 that the funding of the implementation of recommendations made by the Forum and funding activities under its mandate are to be met through voluntary contributions, it is concluded that no changes in the narrative of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 and no additional resources would be required under the programme budget as a result of the adoption by the Economic and Social Council of the Forum's report on its sixth session.

F. Decision 2007/251: Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its sixteenth session and provisional agenda and documentation for its seventeenth session

37. In its decision 2007/251, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its sixteenth session.[8]

38. By taking action on the report of the Commission, the Economic and Social Council, inter alia, recommended for adoption by the General Assembly draft resolutions I and II under section A and adopted draft resolutions II, III, IV, V and VI under section B of chapter I of the report. In addition, by adopting draft decision I under section C of the same chapter, the Council took note, among others, of resolutions 16/2, 16/3 and 16/5 adopted by the Commission. In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Council was drawn to corresponding oral statements of financial implications contained in annexes II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X and XI to the report of the Commission on the aforementioned draft resolutions and resolutions which were provided to the Commission at the time it took the decisions. The Secretariat confirmed to the Council that the statements of financial implications remained valid.

39. With regard to the Commission's resolution 16/3 on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as its governing body, the corresponding statement of financial implications is contained in annex X. As indicated in paragraph 4 of annex X, it should be recalled that in his note

[8] The report will be issued in final form as *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 10* (E/2007/30).

A/C.5/61/10, the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly should it adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.5/61/9, annex, and provided that a reconvened session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was held during the week of 26 to 30 November 2007, net additional resources totalling $95,800 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($45,800), and section 16, International drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice ($50,000), of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. In paragraph 5 of annex X, the General Assembly was also informed that it was envisaged that the net additional requirements would be accommodated within the existing appropriation. Accordingly, no additional appropriation was sought over and above the level of funding approved in the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. Should the actual requirements for implementing the provisions of the draft resolution exceed the absorptive capacity of the aforementioned sections, the additional provisions would be reported in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2006-2007. Regarding the related requirements for the biennium 2008-2009, they would be met within the provisions already included in the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

40. It will be noted that in each of the relevant statements of financial implications, attention was drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and also reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. In addition, reference was made to paragraph 67 of the first report of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001,[6] in which the Committee noted that the use of the phrase "within existing resources" or similar language in resolutions had a negative impact on the implementation of activities; therefore efforts should be made to avoid the use of that phrase in resolutions and decisions.

41. The implementation of: draft resolution II under section A, recommended for adoption by the General Assembly; draft resolutions II, III, IV, V and VI under section B, recommended for adoption by the Economic and Social Council under chapter I of the report; and resolutions 16/2 and 16/5, adopted by the Commission, of which the Council took note, would entail extrabudgetary resources as reflected in the respective statements of financial implications contained in annexes II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX to the report of the Commission. Regular budget resources had been provided in the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 for implementation of draft resolution II under section A, recommended for adoption by the General Assembly, and draft resolutions III and VI under section B, recommended for adoption by the Economic and Social Council under chapter I of the report.

42. With respect to draft resolution I, provisions for implementation of the requested activities have been included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

G. Decision 2007/262: regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields

43. In paragraph (b) of its decision 2007/262, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General (E/2007/15/Add.1).

44. In paragraph 6 of the report, it is stated that at its sixty-third session, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific had adopted a number of resolutions which were brought to the attention of the Council. In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Council was drawn to annex I to the annual report of the Commission for 2006/07,[9] which contains the respective statement of financial implications.

45. The Secretariat hereby confirms to the General Assembly that the statement of programme budget implications contained in annex I remains valid. No additional resource requirements for the regular budget are associated with resolutions 63/1 through 63/9. Extrabudgetary resources, where appropriate, will be sought for the implementation of the activities required under the aforementioned resolutions. With respect to resolution 63/10, the additional requirement of $61,000 that would arise relating to consultancy fees and travel to countries in the Asian and Pacific region for data collection and research purposes will be accommodated within available resources under section 18, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

H. Decision 2007/279: Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

46. By its decision 2007/279, the Economic and Social Council took note of the annual report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions.[3] As stipulated in paragraph 1 of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women shall submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, an annual report on its activities. The Committee shall also include in its report suggestions and general recommendations. On the basis of those provisions, the Council was presented with a statement of programme budget implications in document E/2007/L.42, informing it of the programme budget implications of the decisions taken by the Committee at its thirty-ninth session on the holding of additional meetings of the Committee in the biennium 2008-2009. At its thirty-ninth session, the Committee considered the statement of programme budget implications of its decision 39/I, submitted in accordance with rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the Committee, and subsequently adopted its decision 39/II. That statement of programme budget implications, reproduced in annex X of the report of the Committee on its thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions, and submitted to the General Assembly, was further amended when submitted to the Council to take into account decision 39/II as set out below.

[9] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 19* (E/2007/39).

1. Requests contained in decisions 39/I and 39/II

47. By its decision 39/I, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women requests the General Assembly to authorize the Committee:

(a) As a permanent measure from 2008 onward, to hold three annual sessions of three weeks each, with a one-week pre-session working group for each session;

(b) To meet, as a temporary measure in the biennium 2008-2009, for up to seven days, in parallel working groups during one of its annual sessions in each year of the biennium, for the purpose of considering reports of States parties submitted under article 18 of the Convention.

48. The Committee also recommended in its decision 39/I that one of its three annual sessions be held at United Nations Headquarters so as to facilitate and encourage ongoing cooperation between the Committee and the United Nations gender equality bodies and that its Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol be granted the opportunity to meet three times a year, for a total of 10 working days, immediately prior to, or after, the scheduled sessions of the Committee.

49. By its decision 39/II, the Committee, with reference to its decision 39/I, decided that summary records of its meetings were to be issued in English only, as a temporary measure for the biennium 2008-2009, and to revisit that decision in 2009, when it would assess its requirements for meeting time. Furthermore, the Committee requested that the basis for calculating the costs for the requested extended meeting time reflected in the statement of programme budget implications be revisited so as to ensure that they were in line with the Committee's actual requirements and that the statement clearly explained the different parameters used for calculating the current requirements as compared with those of a similar request of the Committee in 2005.[10]

50. As regards languages of summary records, the Committee, in accordance with paragraph 1, article 19, of the Convention, shall adopt its own rules of procedure, hence a decision to receive summary records in English only is within the terms of reference of the Committee.

51. However, as regards the request in decision 39/II that the basis for calculating the costs for the requested extended meeting time reflected in the statement of programme budget implications be revisited, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and also reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Consequently, any information on the basis for calculating the costs in the statement of programme budget implications would be provided to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee, as appropriate and if necessary.

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[10] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 38* (A/60/38), part two, annex IX.

2. Relationship of the decisions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009 and the programme of work contained in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

52. The activities to be carried out relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs, of programme 19, Human rights; and subprogramme 4, Support services, of programme 24, Management and support services, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009.[11] They also fall under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 23, Human rights, and section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

53. Provisions have been made under section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for travel and per diem costs for the attendance of the 23 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women at its two annual regular sessions of 15 working days each and, for each session, a five-day pre-session working group meeting, and for the cost of attendance at two annual meetings of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol, as well as for substantive, conference and support services to the Committee, the pre-session working group and the Working Group on Communications.

54. The General Assembly, in its resolution 60/230, authorized the Committee to hold a third annual session in 2006 and 2007 as a temporary measure and to meet in parallel working groups during its third annual session in 2006 and its first and third annual sessions in 2007 on an exceptional and temporary basis. The related one-time additional provisions were included in the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.[12]

3. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

55. The additional annual session and meetings in parallel working groups called for in the decision, as referred to in paragraph 47 above, would allow the Committee to consider a greater number of reports of States parties annually. Prior to the adoption of resolution 60/230, which authorized the Committee in the biennium 2006-2007: (a) to hold three annual sessions of three weeks each, with a one-week pre-sessional working group for each session, and continued to authorize two annual sessions of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol to the Convention; and (b) to meet for up to seven days in parallel working groups during three of its six sessions during 2006 and 2007, the Committee had considered the reports of 16 States parties annually. During 2006 and 2007, the Committee would have considered the reports of 69 States parties (31 in 2006 and 38 in 2007) and would have been able to eliminate a significant amount of the accumulated backlog of reports awaiting review.

[11] Ibid., *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

[12] Ibid., *Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/60/6/Add.1).

56. By its decision 36/I,[13] the Committee anticipated that the effective and timely implementation of all of its responsibilities beyond the biennium 2006-2007 would require that it be provided with extended meeting time in 2008 and beyond. During its thirty-seventh session, the Committee undertook an assessment of the status of submission of reports under article 18 of the Convention and, in particular, of the remaining backlog of reports awaiting consideration, and the projected future availability of reports, as well as the Committee's request to States parties with very long overdue initial reports to submit those within a given time frame. The Committee concluded that this workload, together with its other responsibilities under the Convention and those under the Optional Protocol to the Convention,[14] made it necessary for the Committee to be provided with the opportunity to hold three annual sessions, at least one of which with parallel working groups. This extended meeting time would ensure that the Committee could eliminate the backlog of reports awaiting consideration, which now stands at 27; ensure that incoming reports were considered in a timely manner; enhance its efforts at ensuring that the monitoring of the Convention in States parties with long overdue reports was undertaken; and discharge all its other responsibilities under the Convention and the Optional Protocol.

57. In 2008-2009, a staff member at the P-4 level would serve as Secretary of the Committee, assisted by one General Service (Other level) staff member. In addition, the incumbents of one P-4 post, one P-3 post and one P-2 post would provide substantive support for the work of the Committee and under the Optional Protocol to the Convention. In order to support the additional workload of the Committee consequent to the holding of three sessions, in particular in view of the additional time that would be required for preparations for the consideration of reports of States parties during the Committee's sessions in the biennium 2008-2009, general temporary assistance resources, equivalent to 12 work-months at the P-3 level, would also be required to assist with:

(a) Analysis of reports of States parties on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, drawing upon prior reports, and other relevant information, in particular from United Nations sources;

(b) The preparation of draft lists of issues and questions on reports of States parties under consideration by the Committee;

(c) In-session support to Committee experts in the preparation of draft concluding comments on reports of States parties;

(d) The provision of substantive support, especially during the sessions of the Committee with parallel working groups.

58. The current mandate of the Committee is to meet twice per year for three weeks each time. A one-week pre-session working group would precede each session. The Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol is currently convened twice a year, for a total of up to 10 days. The session meetings would require interpretation services in all six official languages, and the pre-session working group meetings would require interpretation services in

[13] Ibid., *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 38* (A/61/38), part three, chap. I.

[14] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2131, No. 20378.

English, French and Spanish only. The total documentation required for translation into all six official languages is estimated at 6,600 pages for pre-session, 800 pages for in-session, and 800 pages for post-session relating to the two three-week sessions each year of the biennium, and a total of 800 pages for post-session documentation relating to the two one-week sessions of the pre-session working group each year of the biennium. Summary records would be provided for all the meetings of the Committee, with the exception of the pre-session working group meetings.

59. The recommendation of decision 39/I would entail one additional three-week session in each year of the biennium on a recurrent basis, which would require interpretation services in all six official languages. On a temporary basis, the parallel working groups during one of the three annual sessions in 2008-2009 would also require interpretation services in all six official languages. The additional one-week pre-session working group meeting to be held prior to the additional three-week session would require interpretation services in English, French and Spanish only. The total additional documentation required for translation into all six official languages is estimated at 3,000 pages for pre-session, 400 pages for in-session and 400 pages for post-session relating to the one additional three-week session each year of the biennium; a total additional 560 pages for pre-session, 105 pages for in-session and 105 pages for post-session relating to the parallel working groups for the biennium 2008-2009 only; and a total additional 400 pages for post-session documentation relating to the additional one-week pre-session working group meeting each year of the biennium. Summary records in English only would be provided for all the meetings of the Committee, with the exception of the pre-session working group meetings.

60. Authorization of the decision will cause the exact dates for all the meetings of the Committee, consisting of three three-week annual sessions of the Committee, three one-week annual pre-session working group meetings and three parallel working group meetings to be held in 2008-2009, to be determined by consultation between the substantive secretariat and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, subject to the availability of conference facilities and services.

61. As regards the recommendation of the Committee indicated in paragraph 48 above to hold one of the three annual sessions at United Nations Headquarters, the Committee's attention is drawn to paragraph 4, section I, of resolution 40/243, whereby the General Assembly reaffirmed that United Nations bodies should plan to meet at their respective established headquarters. Therefore, the express decision in this regard should be made by the Assembly.

62. The Committee also requested, as indicated in paragraph 48 above, that its Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol be granted the opportunity to meet three times a year for a total of 10 working days. While these increases in the scope of activities do not have any programme budget implications, given that the Working Group meets immediately prior to, or after, the scheduled sessions of the Committee, the related decision of the General Assembly is also required.

4. Modifications required in the programme of work and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

63. Approval of the draft decision would result in modifications in respect of the number of meetings and reports cited in the programme of work contained in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. In the narrative of subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs, of section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, paragraph 23.66 (a) (xvi) would be revised as follows:

(a) In subparagraph (a), substantive servicing of meetings, the phrase "plenary and chamber meetings of the Committee (60 meetings per year) (120)" would be replaced with the phrase "plenary and chamber meetings of the Committee (104 meetings per year) (208)";

(b) In subparagraph (b), parliamentary documentation, the phrase "lists of issues and questions (38 reports annually) (76)" would be replaced with the phrase "lists of issues and questions (31 reports annually) (62)".

5. Estimated resource requirements

A. Conference-servicing requirements

64. It is estimated that additional conference-servicing requirements of $13,290,400 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. Table 1 provides the details of these requirements.

Table 1
Additional conference-servicing requirements for: plenary meetings; pre-session working groups and plenary parallel meetings (temporary)

	Plenary session meetings 2008-2009	*Pre-session working groups 2008-2009*	*Plenary parallel meetings 2008-2009*[a]	*Total 2008-2009*
Meetings servicing	464 000	73 100	216 600	753 700
Pre-session documentation	6 370 300	—	2 389 200	8 759 500
In-session documentation	890 400	—	467 300	1 357 700
Post-session documentation	890 400	518 700	467 300	1 876 400
Summary records	352 000	—	164 600	516 600
Other conference services	14 600	4 900	7 000	26 500
Total	**8 981 700**	**596 700**	**3 712 000**	**13 290 400**

[a] One-time provision for 2008-2009.

B. Non-conference-servicing requirements

Section 23. Human rights

65. It is also estimated that additional resources of $680,900 for travel, per diem and terminal expenses of the members of the Committee related to their attendance at a third annual session of three weeks in New York in each year of the biennium 2008-2009, with a one-week pre-session working group meeting for each session, effective from January 2008, would be required under section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. Provision for general temporary assistance equivalent to 12 work-months at the P-3 level, estimated at $150,000, is also required under section 23, Human rights.

Section 28D. Office of Central Support Services

66. Although an additional amount of $35,100 would be required to provide for the contractual services of sound technicians at the additional sessions and meetings of the pre-session working group, the Secretariat, subsequent to the adoption of Economic and Social Council decision 2007/279, has reviewed and considered that the amount can be absorbed within the provisions under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

67. Should the General Assembly approve the decision, the total additional requirements relating to the additional sessions of the Committee and the pre-session working group meetings would amount to $14,156,400 as enumerated in table 2. It is proposed that only $14,121,300 of that amount represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require additional appropriations for the biennium 2008-2009 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session. The amount of $35,100 relating to section 28D will be absorbed within the provisions proposed for the biennium 2008-2009.

Table 2
Total additional requirements relating to the additional sessions of the Committee and the pre-session working group meetings
(United States dollars)

	2008	*2009*	*Total*
Section 23. Human rights			
Travel, per diem and terminal expenses	340 450	340 450	680 900
General temporary assistance	75 000	75 000	150 000
Subtotal	**415 450**	**415 450**	**830 900**
Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Meetings servicing, interpretation and documentation	6 645 200	6 645 200	13 290 400
Section 28D. Office of Central Support Services			
Common support services	17 500	17 600	35 100
Total	**7 078 150**	**7 078 250**	**14 156 400**

68. The General Assembly would also be required to approve the proposed modifications to the outputs to be incorporated into the programme of work of section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs (see para. 63 above).

III. Overall requirements

69. The implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2007 would give rise to additional requirements of $238,300 under the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and $14,205,700 under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, as shown in table 3 and in the annex. The additional requirements of $238,300 for 2006-2007 and $84,400 for 2008-2009 would be absorbed within the relevant sections of the approved appropriations for the biennium 2006-2007 and the proposed provisions for the biennium 2008-2009. However, additional provisions in the amount of $14,121,300 would be required in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

Table 3
Additional requirements for the biennium 2006-2007 and 2008-2009
(United States dollars)

	2006-2007	*2008-2009*
Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	119 800	13 290 400
Section 9. Economic and social affairs	—	49 300
Section 16. International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	57 500	—
Section 18. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	61 000	—
Section 23. Human rights	—	830 900
Section 28D. Office of Central Support Services	—	35 100
Total	**238 300**	**14 205 700**
Less to be absorbed	(238 300)	(84 400)
Total additional requirements	**—**	**14 121 300**

IV. Contingency fund

70. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund was established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of

existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

71. Approval by the General Assembly of decisions 39/I and 39/II of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women would entail additional resources in the total amount of $14,121,300 under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, including $13,290,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $830,900 under section 23, Human rights. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require additional appropriations for the biennium 2008-2009 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

72. It is not possible at this stage to identify activities within sections 2 and 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 that could be deferred, curtailed or modified during that biennium in order to meet the additional requirement of $14,121,300.

V. Conclusions and recommendations

73. In summary, the implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2007 would give rise to additional requirements as reflected in the annex to the present report as follows:

(a) To be absorbed within the appropriations for the biennium 2006-2007, an amount totalling $238,300 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($119,800); section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice ($57,500); and section 18, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific ($61,000);

(b) To be absorbed under the proposed provisions for the biennium 2008-2009, an amount totalling $84,400 under section 9, Economic and social affairs ($49,300); and under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services ($35,100).

74. Provisions made under sections 2, 9, 16, 18, 23 and 28D of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, together with extrabudgetary funds, in respect of Economic and Social Council resolutions 2007/13, 2007/15 and 2007/40 and decisions 2007/242, 2007/244, 2007/245, 2007/251, 2007/262, 2007/277 and 2007/278, are expected to cover the need for the supplementary resources which have been identified.

75. **The General Assembly is requested to**:

(a) **Approve the additional requirements estimated at $14,121,300 that would be required under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, including $13,290,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $830,000 under section 23, Human rights, as a charge against the contingency fund for the biennium 2008-2009 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;**

(b) Approve the proposed modifications to the programme narratives and outputs to be incorporated into the programme of work of section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, outlined under paragraph 17 above;

(c) Approve the proposed modifications to the programme narratives and outputs to be incorporated into the programme of work of section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, outlined under paragraph 63 above.

Annex

Summary of requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2007

			2006-2007	2008-2009		
		Budget section	*Requirements for expenditure (to be absorbed)*	*Requests for expenditure*	*To be absorbed*	*To be considered in context of the proposed programme budget for 2008-2009*
Economic and Social Council resolutions						
2007/13	Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti	9		13 500	13 500	—
2007/15	Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau	9		35 800	35 800	—
2007/40 and decisions	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests	2	—	—	—	—
		9	—	—	—	—
2007/277 and 2007/278	Report of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and provisional agenda for its eighth session	28D	—	—	—	—
		35	—	—	—	—
	Support to the Bureau of the United Nations Forum on Forests in preparing for its future sessions					
Economic and Social Council decisions						
2007/242	Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fiftieth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-first session of the Commission	2	74 000	—	—	—[a]
		16	7 500	—	—	—[a]
2007/244 and 2007/245	International expert group meeting on indigenous languages and venue and dates of the seventh session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	2	—	—	—	—
		9	—	—	—	—
		23	—	—	—	—
2007/251	Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its sixteenth session and provisional agenda and documentation for its seventeenth session	2	45 800	—	—	—[b]
		16	50 000	—	—	—[b]
2007/262	Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with regional cooperation	18	61 000	—	—	—[c]
2007/279	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions	2	—	13 290 400	—	13 290 400
		23	—	830 900	—	830 900
		28D	—	35 100	35 100	—
Total			**238 300**	**14 205 700**	**84 400**	**14 121 300**

[a] Resources required relate to resolution 50/12 of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
[b] Resources required relate to resolution 16/3 of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Narcotic Drugs.
[c] Resources required relate to resolution 63/10 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.